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GUIDED READING LEVEL G

This book is perfect for a **Progressing Reader** who:

- can figure out unknown words by using picture and context clues;
- can recognize beginning, middle, and ending sounds;
- can make and confirm predictions about what will happen in the text; and
- can distinguish between fiction and nonfiction.

Here are some **activities** you can do during and after reading this book:

- Make Connections: In this story, Raspberry Torte helps nurse a hurt baby bird back to health. Have you ever cared for an animal that was hurt? Write a paragraph explaining how you helped the animal. If you haven't cared for one, use Raspberry's example to help explain how you would care for a hurt animal.
- Retelling: Retell the story of Strawberry Shortcake and her friends' time at Camp Berry. Use your berry fun voice and make sure not to leave out any important details!

Remember, sharing the love of reading with a child is the best gift you can give!

—Bonnie Bader, EdM
Penguin Young Readers program

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To my own happy campers:
Danny, Josh and Sammi—MM

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Strawberry Shortcake is

in her café.

Plum Pudding runs inside.

She has big news.

Mr. Longface is starting
a summer camp.
There will be swimming, hiking,
crafts, and more.

Summer camp sounds berry fun!

Everyone wants to go.

The girls are excited

when the big day arrives.

First Mr. Longface takes them

to the lake.

He teaches the girls how to swim.

Plum Pudding swims to the dock.

Splash, splash, splash!

Mr. Longface gives Plum

a berry patch.

It is a special award.

The award is because Plum was best at swimming.

Great job, Plum!

Next the girls learn
to paddle canoes.
Orange Blossom paddles
the farthest.

Mr. Longface gives her
a berry patch.
Good work, Orange!

The campers go to a picnic table.

It is covered with flowers

and twigs.

They make pretty crafts.

Lemon Meringue makes a crown

of flowers for her hair.

Pink, yellow, purple, and white!

The girls like Lemon's crown.

How beautiful!

Mr. Longface gives Lemon

a berry patch.

Well done, Lemon!

It is time for an archery lesson.

The girls take turns with the bow and arrows.

Ready, aim, fire!

Cherry Jam hits the target.

Nice shot, Cherry!

She gets a berry patch.

Blueberry Muffin gets
a berry patch for building
the best campfire.
Good work, Blueberry!

Strawberry gets one for toasting

the perfect marshmallow.

Looks yummy, Strawberry!

At the end of the day,

the girls take a hike.

Mr. Longface leads the way.

Birds chirp.

Butterflies fly from

flower to flower.

Nature is fun!

But something is wrong.

Oh no!

Raspberry Torte is missing.

Where is Raspberry?

There she is!

Raspberry has found a baby bird.

The bird fell from its nest.

The baby bird needs help.

Raspberry picks up the bird.

Everyone walks back to camp.

Raspberry gives water to the bird.

Mr. Longface helps her bandage its wing.

Time for a nap!

Raspberry stays with the bird.

After a nap,

the bird feels much better.

He is ready to fly home.

The campers wave good-bye

to the bird.

Now Mr. Longface has something

for Raspberry.

It is a berry patch!

She got it for helping the bird.

This makes Raspberry very happy.

Thank you, Mr. Longface!

Camp Berry was so much fun!

The girls cannot wait to go to camp next summer!

OTHER LEVEL 2 BOOKS

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F	School Friends
G	Ballet School
G	A Brand-New Look!
G	A Picnic Adventure
G	We Love You, Strawberry Shortcake!
H	Show-and-Tell

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Strawberry Shortcake and her friends go to summer camp. They swim in a lake. They go on a nature hike. Raspberry Torte finds a big surprise!

LEVEL 1 **Emergent Reader** (Guided Reading Levels A–D)

LEVEL 2
GUIDED READING LEVEL E F G H I

Progressing Reader
- Longer sentences
- Simple dialogue
- Picture and context clues
- More in-depth plot development
- Nonfiction and fiction

LEVEL 3 **Transitional Reader** (Guided Reading Levels J–M)

LEVEL 4 **Fluent Reader** (Guided Reading Levels N–P)

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